

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKESHI ICHIKAWA) : Examiner: Selim U. Ahmed
Application No.: 10/585,733) : TC/Art Unit: 2826
Filed: July 12, 2006) : Confirmation No.: 6040
For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS,)
SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE :
USING THE SAME, AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THEM : September 18, 2008

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed on August 26, 2008, imposing a restriction requirement, which requires the election of one of the following two groups of claims for prosecution in the present application:

Group I, corresponding to claims 1-10, drawn to a solid state image pickup device/system; and

Group II, corresponding to claims 11-16, drawn to a method of manufacturing a solid state image pickup device system.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II in the present application. More specifically, Applicant elects Claims 11-16 of Group II, without traverse.

An early and favorable examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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